

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 6, 2009
AGENDA NO. 24

ATTACHMENT 2

**Proposed Amendments to the District's
Guiding Principles Regarding Power Generation from Renewable Sources
Solar – Wind – Geothermal - Others**

The South Coast AQMD Governing Board has directed staff to support legislative efforts to increase the use of renewable energy. It is recommended that staff efforts be consistent with the principles stated below:

1. The District supports legislation facilitating residential, commercial or municipal customers generating power from renewable sources and applying for available rebates and credits for alternative forms of power generation.
2. The District supports increasing the mandatory percentage of power sold by electric utilities to 33% from renewable sources by 2020, provided that the California Energy Commission (CEC) , determines that such target is feasible, and is generally supportive of other feasible, reasonable and viable intermediate, higher and/or longer term targets. In support of the 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), CEC shall be required to identify the needs for peakers and transmission lines in terms of capacity and geographic locations.
3. Electric utilities should be provided limited flexibility in meeting the 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirement in order to minimize the impact on customer rates, consistent with the full implementation of the RPS requirements.
4. Electric utilities should compensate customers for net surplus electricity generated by customers beyond what is consumed on-site, either through a feed-in tariff rate or modified net-metering systems. Tariff rates for net surplus electricity generated by customers should minimize adverse impact the utility's non-generating customers while not compromising the effective market incentive for renewable generation and use.
5. Eligible customers should include residential, commercial and governmental entities.
6. In implementing the California Solar Initiative, the PUC should utilize flexible design and build out completion requirements for school buildings and other institutional facilities.
7. Multi-year rebates and other incentive programs should require that installed technologies continue to operate and be adequately maintained for the entire duration the rebates/incentive programs are designed for.
8. Priority should be given to areas and communities with consideration for environmental justice or disproportionate impact of air pollution.

9. Generation or use of credits, if any, should be consistent with air quality rules, statutes, and law and conform with the adopted Air Quality Management Plan.
10. Geographic areas served by the District should receive a fair share of any federal or state incentive funding, with consideration for availability of renewable resources.